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GOLDILOCKS GOES ON TRIAL! MODERNIZED FAIRY TALE TEACHES 5TH GRADERS ABOUT THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

*Rosa Parks Elementary School Students Hold Mock Trial
San Diego City Attorney Casey Gwinn Portrays Judge*

WHAT:

This modernized children's fairy tale comes to life in a class courtroom setting. It is a mock trial that will teach children about the criminal justice system. The case involves an alleged burglary and a theft that occurred at the Brown Family home. The suspect is Geraldine Goldie Locke. San Diego City Attorney Casey Gwinn portrays the judge who will hear the case. The students, who will assume the roles of witnesses, prosecutor, defense attorney and jurors, are fifth graders from Rosa Parks Elementary School. For the past eight weeks the students have been studying the criminal justice system and the U.S. Constitution. The project is called "Juveniles and Justice: A Community Safety Initiative." It is a partnership which involves the San Diego City Attorney's Office, the San Diego Police Department and Mid-City community groups. The "Juveniles and Justice" project began in 1997. A total of nine schools have participated in the program.

WHEN:

Thursday, May 30, 9 a.m. - 10 a.m.

(Duration of trial: one hour & duration of jury deliberations: 30 minutes)

WHERE:

Rosa Parks Elementary School, 4510 Landis Street (Check in at Principal's Office)

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